

Church News.

ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE.

Since our last report five have been added to the Brethren church during our sojourn among the progressive plants in Armstrong and Bedford counties.

I had a very pleasant time at Blanco, Pa., at the post were our veteran, brother Eld. J. B. Wampler, wielded the Gospel sword. During our stay there, though not long, quite an interest was manifested and the ranks increased by some good material. There we met some who were by us in person when we made our first attempt to storm the strong holds of sin and Satan, but they are fast passing away.

At Oakland we opened up for a short seige, and had a glorious meeting while it lasted and we think some substantial work was done. There was an unusual interest manifested, and the Lord visited us with convicting and converting powers although between the devil and some people who professed to be followers of Christ, and festivals and many obstacles in the way of a revival, we had a hard fight.

I found at Oakland a band of consecrated and enthusiastic workers—under brother J. D. Hetrick's charge—as I found in all my travels. One brother who but recently, with his good wife united with the Brethren there, having formerly been a class leader in the free-will Baptist church, adds greatly to the working material.

There are four church houses in the village and one nearby making five in close proximity, but I am told the Brethren have the best house in the town and more working members. The increase has been gradual and constant. Oh, glories of the future, I salute you. Many thanks to all for their kindness. While there I was called away some twenty or thirty miles to anoint and hold private communion with an aged sister. Brother Hetrick accompanied and assisted us; we found the sister near the end, but strong in the faith, and hope had cast her anchor.

Fourteen brethren and sisters attended the communion and participated, "and sweet communion there had we." May the Lord lead the sister safely over the valley and shadow.

We held public communion during our trip at Blanco and also at Oakland. Our esteemed and well qualified brother S. B. Lary of Martinsburg filled the pulpit for us at Fredricksburg and New Enterprise, to the satisfaction of all during my absence. Held communion at New Enterprise Nov. 4th. Brother Koontz was with us and baptized one on Sunday, 4th, confirmation by the writer.

Brother Koontz officiated at the service. Brother W. L. Spangle was also present but somewhat afflicted and not able to assist to much extent. Oh, how we appreciate the as-

sistance of our neighboring brethren. There were more communicants at New Enterprise than ever before at one occasion or service of this kind. Praise God for the growing interest. Commence a meeting at Fredricksburg this evening. Pray for us.

E. H. SMITH.

OLD DOMINION.

Bro. J. Hall, of Harrisonburg, Va., began a meeting on the 17th of Oct., at Bethlehem, Rockingham Co. Va., and held the fort until the 22nd when we came to his aid for seven days. Result was fifteen by baptism of which number, twelve were young men between sixteen and twenty years of age. As usual, engagements at other points closed this meeting, when it should have been continued, at least one week more.

We are fully aware of our weakness and failure in not protracting the efforts longer. We hope the future will bring improvements on this line as this valley now has quite a number of young preachers who will go forth as warriors against sin.

On my way home stopped at Forestville and had family communion at the home of brother Kirby's. Sister Kirby being too ill to attend public service.

Since my last report we have added in all nineteen, by baptism and relation. The efforts at Bethlehem added some to other churches who were willing to baptize by trine immersion.

E. B. SHAVER.

Maurertown, Va.

FROM FISHER'S HILL, VA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Our meeting at Mt. Zion was a success in many ways. Brother J. C. Mackey of Hagerstown, preached the dedicatory sermon and continued the meeting five days after which brother Shaver and brother Spiggle and myself continued the meeting another week.

Brother Mackey preached fine and closely woven sermons which fitted the soul as to a giant in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The people at Mt. Zion are in love with his christian, lovely life and teachings, and look forward to a season of refreshing grace from him in the future. Brother Shaver did effectual work at this place, and wherever he is known in the valley of Virginia, he is known as the staunch expounder of the truth, and pioneer of the church.

Mt. Zion is the home of Elder George S. Rinker, one of the earliest founders of the Brethren church at this place. He is the elder of this church, but his age and infirmity has worked on him so as to not allow him to do much active work in the church. His life is a good example, and he is worthy of a grand reception in the paradise of God.

The debt on Mt. Zion church has all been provided for, as far as I know, and it is only giving honor to

whom honor is due, to say that my father, J. E. Copp of Kernstown, has come forward and agreed to pay the entire indebtedness on this church. I do not say this to boast of my father's act, for I would have said it and with greater praise of some one else but I only say it because it is worthy of being mentioned. In fact it is practically due to him that this church was built at all. This good deed will live after he is dead.

It is proper to say that all the members of this congregation did a manly and womanly part in its construction. In fact we all built it, women and men, brothers and sisters. The sisters aid as well as the brethren in their work.

The professors of the college at this place, and members of the United Brethren church helped us in the construction of this church as well as in the meeting.

The result of the meeting is eleven baptized and one member of the German Baptist church joined in communion with us. This is a good showing from the work as it is a hard field to work.

May the Lord still bless the work here as well as elsewhere.

GEO. A. COPP.

FISHER'S HILL, VA.

Our meeting at Pleasant Hill closed last night. Eight were baptized and one remains to be baptized yet. One more was added to our flock at this point from the German Baptists.

Brother Spiggle and I did the preaching, the members did much good work by prayers, pleadings and songs, but God did the changing of the hearts.

After we had baptized five, one day an old lady who had just been restored to partial health, after seeing baptism administered in the water, requested us to baptize her.

Now brethren there is one feature about baptism that I have never seen in sprinkling. I have known persons frequently to apply for baptism even after they had been sprinkled, as was this woman, when seeing others baptized. The scene itself has something affecting and appealing and touching about it that is not seen in sprinkling. I noticed numbers of tear stained eyes in the spectators, and especially one young lady who had a young man with her fairly bit her lips to choke back the tears. This same old lady was reduced to tears at the scene of baptism and requested the same rite to be performed upon her. God grant that others may follow her example.

We have had thirty-nine additions in my charge in our protracted meeting this fall.

GEO. A. COPP.

FROM MEXICO, IND.

After a short silence I again bring you the news from our church. Two young ladies were baptized two weeks ago. Have prayer-meeting every Wednesday night. Have prac-

tical thoughts on subjects such as prayer, love, unbelief, forgiveness and many more. We think much good comes from them but we are sorry to say but few attend, much to their loss.

We have had several members to move away and we miss them very much but perhaps ere long others may be added to us. Expect to have our revival in February. We have no Young Peoples' meeting and I very much fear it is due to the carelessness of the older members. But these things should not be. While the work is not all it could be, we have a very earnest class that appears to be pressing on to higher things. May God bless all the efforts for good.

MRS. L. B. SKINNER.

NOTES FROM THE WORK-SHOP.

Thursday morning, Nov. 1st, we started for Auburn. In the evening, thirteen of the Auburn members met sister Sadie Hover, in her home, to partake with her the Lord's Supper, and communion. Sadie is the young lady that we baptized on last Friday one week ago. She is poorly with lung trouble. In her hours of afflictions she made up her mind to serve her Master all she could, so on last Thursday evening she was anointed with oil and partook of the sacrament. The occasion was a solemn one. We shall never forget the services, of that hour. After the services I asked her how she was feeling. She answered, "I am feeling better, yes, I am happy in Jesus. If it be the Lord's will that I be taken away, I am ready to go. You who are enjoying the blessings of life cannot be too thankful for the blessings you enjoy." Let your prayers ascend in behalf of the afflicted.

J. H. PALMER.

TIOSA, IND.

As there has been no report from this place for a very long time, I will try and give you a few items.

Brother D. A. Hopkins came to us on Saturday, Nov. 3, preached Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening. At the morning service one came forward and expressed her desire to become a Christian. The dear sister is afflicted with that dreaded destroyer, consumption.

Monday evening following we enjoyed a communion service—a good meeting and the very best of order throughout. Brother Hopkins, our pastor, officiating. He has just commenced his work here for this conference year, and think we have the right man in the right place. Our S. S. is moving along nicely under the management of brother D. C. Swonger, as supt., and our church is gaining ground numerically and we believe spiritually. We ask the prayers and sympathies of God's children in behalf of the work at this place, that the work may be prospered and much good may be done.

W. L. WOLF.